

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

a. The following changes have been made in the specification since claims 15, 24, and 25 have been canceled:

i. On page 7, lines 21 and 22, ", characterized by the features of claim 15" has been deleted, and line 22 now ends with a ----.

ii. On page 7, lines 25 and 26, "according to claim 24 or 25" has been deleted, and line 25 now ends with a ----.

b. Claims 15-27 have been canceled since they are drawn to a non-elected invention.

2. In the interview with Mr. Gayoso conducted on February 10, 2009, it was indicated by the examiner that the amendment to claim 1 and new claim 35 did not raise substantial new issues, and also were in condition for allowance.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

a. The claims are allowed because the prior does not teach or suggest the translucent holder having the properties as recited in applicant's claim 1, and select ones of flow rate, pressure, outflow velocity and outflow profile are actively controlled from different blowing openings of a series of blowing openings as recited in applicant's claim 35.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy V. Eley whose telephone number is 571-272-4506. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer D. Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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